



Making San Francisco Bay Better

August 12, 2013

The Honorable Kevin de Leon, Chair
Appropriations Committee
California State Senate
State Capital, Room 5108
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

SUBJECT: AB 1273 (Ting), The Piers 30-32 Revitalization Act

Dear Senator Leon:

I want to ensure that you and your colleagues know that the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) has not taken a position on the most recent (July 10, 2013) version of AB 1273, to be considered by the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 19, 2013.

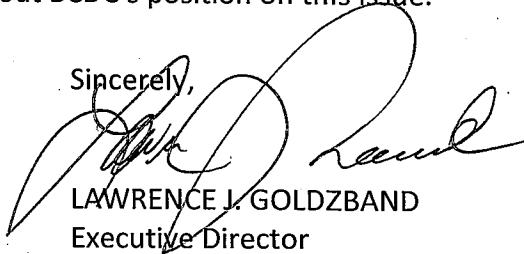
On June 20, 2013, the Commission voted to oppose the prior version of AB 1273 if it was not made into a two-year bill so that it could address the Commission's concerns regarding trust consistency and allow more time to better define the proposed project before making a finding of trust consistency. However, the revised bill language adopted by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water ensures that a trust determination will not be made until the project has gone through CEQA and other government approval processes.

The BCDC Commissioners were informed of the Committee's changes to the bill during BCDC's July 18, 2013 meeting. As the legislation was not agendized for Commission action, I provided the Commissioners with an update on those changes during my Executive Director's Report. I told the Commissioners that the amendments "comport almost fully with the language that BCDC staff suggested to the [Committee] consultant." I also told the Commissioners that BCDC staff does not plan to place the legislation on future agendas unless (1) a Commissioner requests us to do so, or (2) "the legislation [is] slated for [further] changes in the future" that might affect the Bay or the Commission. No Commissioner raised any objections to this plan, including Commission Vice-Chair Halsted, who has presided over each of the Commission's discussions on AB 1273, and Commissioner Gioia, whose motion to oppose the bill at the Commission's June 18th meeting was adopted by the Commission.

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Please feel free to contact me, or Steve Goldbeck (Chief Deputy Director), at (415) 352-3600 should you have any questions or concerns about BCDC's position on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lawrence J. Goldzband', written over the printed name and title.

LAWRENCE J. GOLDZBAND
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cc: Vice Chair Anne Halstead
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